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LCO No. 4183



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study cases of food-borne illness originating from a public eating
3 place, as defined in section 22-127 of the general statutes. The task
4 force shall consider the type of information that is communicated to
5 members of the public after a case of such food-borne illness is
6 confirmed and the manner of such communication.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Restaurant
10 Association;

11 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
12 shall be a local Director of Health;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Food

15 Association;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
17 a qualified food operator;

18 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

21 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
22 designee; and

23 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the
24 commissioner's designee.

25 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
26 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
27 General Assembly.

28 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
29 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
30 filled by the appointing authority.

31 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
32 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task
33 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
34 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
35 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

36 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report
37 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
38 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
39 public health and general law, in accordance with the provisions of
40 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but
41 need not be limited to, recommendations on apprising members of the
42 public after a case of food-borne illness at a public eating place has

43 been confirmed. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
44 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force on food-borne illnesses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]